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SUBJECT: CHILE VOTE ON ZIONISM

1. ARA/BC OFFICE DIRECTOR WAS APPROACHED BY CHILEAN MILI-
TARY ATTACHE, GENERAL MOREL, TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING.
PRESIDENT PINOCHET TELEPHONED HIM ON OCTOBER 20 TO TELL HIM
HE WAS BEING TRANSFERRED BACK TO CHILE ON NOVEMBER 30.
PINOCHET ASKED MOREL IMMEDIATELY TO RETURN TO SANTIAGO TO
DISCUSS THE TRANSFER, HIS SUCCESSOR, AND ALSO TO CONSULT
WITH THE PRESIDENT ON FMS DEVELOPMENTS. MOREL SAID HE TOOK
THE OPPORTUNITY TO TELL THE PRESIDENT THE GOC HAD
COMMITTED A SERIOUS ERROR IN ITS VOTE AT THE UN. PINOCHET
ASKED HIM TO EXPLAIN. MOREL SOUGHT TO DRAMATIZE U.S.
ATTITUDES AND POLITICAL VIEWS REGARDING THE UN AND ISRAEL.
HE SUGGESTED TO PINOCHET THE GOC REVERSE ITSELF. HE TOLD
THE PRESIDENT THE GOC HAD MOST LIKELY BLOWN IT ON THE FMS
PROPOSAL AGREED TO WITH CARVAJAL. THE PRESIDENT DID NOT
COMMENT, ACCORDING TO MOREL. THEY LEFT IT THAT THEY WOULD
VET THE SUBJECT FURTHER AS SOON AS MOREL ARRIVED IN SANTIAGO
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2. MOREL TOLD BC DIRECTOR HE DOUBTED PINOCHET WOULD APPRECIATE THE SERIOUS ERROR WHICH WAS COMMITTED. WHILE MOREL DID NOT DISCOUNT A REVERSAL IN THE GOC POSITION, HE BELIEVED

BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. HE DESCRIBED PINOCHET AS FEELING ABANDONED BY THE USG AND DESPERATELY CASTING ABOUT FOR INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. THIS LED CHILE TO ITS ERROR. HE CONCLUDED THAT PINOCHET WILL NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE U.S. REACTED AS IT DID TO THE CHILEAN VOTE. GIVEN PINOCHET'S DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE PERCEIVED LACK OF COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING FROM THE U.S., MOREL ANTICIPATED THAT THE GOC WILL WITHDRAW FURTHER INTO ITSELF, STRIKING OUT AT THE U.S. IN THE PROCESS.

3. BC DIRECTOR EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE CHILEAN VOTE. HE CONFIRMED MOREL'S ASSESSMENT REGARDING U.S. VIEWS ON THE UN AND ISRAEL. HE REMINDED MOREL OF OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH FONMIN CARVAJAL ON THE FMS PROPOSAL; NAMELY, THAT OUR ABILITY TO CARRY THROUGH ON THE PROPOSAL TURNED TO A GREAT EXTENT ON CHILE'S IMAGE HERE. WITH THE UN WORKING GROUP REPORT AND THE CHILE VOTE, WE WERE OFF TO A RATHER POOR START. BC DIRECTOR SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT EXPLAINING ATMOSPHERICS HERE TO PINOCHET WOULD BE DIFFICULT, JUST AS IT IS THE OTHER WAY AROUND. HE SUGGESTED MOREL GIVE IT A GOOD TRY IN HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. FINALLY, HE OBSERVED PLENARY VOTE UNLIKELY FOR TWO, MAYBE THREE, WEEKS, GIVING GOC AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION. INGERSOLL

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